

I am pleased to have nominated the following Cadets and Midshipmen for the Class of 2013. Each of these Plebes will soon attend the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, NY, the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, NY, the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Co., or one of our nation's esteemed military preparatory academies.

Rafael Alicea - Eatontown - Air Force Academy

Harrison Blackburn - Princeton - Air Force Academy

Mark Bradley - Eatontown - Naval Academy

Candita Curcio - Pittstown - Air Force Academy

Nicholas Dona - Freehold - Air Force Academy

Kenneth Ebner - Fair Haven - US Military Academy Prep School

Kyle Elam - Oceanport - Naval Academy

Matthew Feiring - Rumson - West Point

Michael Jakub - Eatontown - West Point

Chantel Lavender - Trenton - Naval Academy

Taylor Neuman - East Brunswick - West Point

John Shinnick - Shrewsbury - Naval Academy

Ryan Smith - South Brunswick - Merchant Marine Academy

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